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I got the 3:15 Martz bus from NYC and arrived in Scranton at 5:55 P.M. and WSP was there to meet me. On the bus I sat alone and that was grand and listened to music and rested and prepared an agenda for the meeting on 12-09-1982. We drove home through the country and when we arrived at home HLRP was ill--quite ill. A very bad cold and she was in low spirits. Very unlike her. She had been to the doctor and had gotten some shots and pills and such and so that was good. Her head and throat were very congested and she sat in her green chair and was listless. She is very much aware, as is WSP, of the fact that Aunt Louise and Grandma Russell both died of pneumonia and so she is very careful with her health--particularly when it comes to colds and such. WSP cooked much of the week. We had chicken and rice for dinner on Thursday night and WSP prepared it earlier in the week. HLRP helped get the food on the table and then withdrew to her green chair. I was very relieved to learn on Friday morning when she woke me, at my request, that HLRP sounded much, much better. When I called to announce my arrival, I found HLRP and WSP not at home and then I called Ann and it was from Ann that I learned that HLRP was ill and that she and WSP were at the doctor's. They were at the General Hospital. HLRP spoke of Aunt Louise and her inclination to go to bed whenever she felt at all unwell and HLRP is resolved that she will not just give up and go to bed like Aunt Louise did--HLRP is a real fighter and that is good. I told HLRP about Queen Elizabeth I and her refusal to go to bed during the final stages of her last illness. HLRP was fascinated. I prepared for the Christmas Party of the CHS: I took my old fraternity rosewood gavel to call the meeting to order. I will probably donate it to the CHS or to the next president when I am no longer president. I took some pine cones to tie onto the tree, I wore a CRCCH T-shirt, I gathered together the 8 Chinatown door prizes/grab bag, and off I went. When I arrived at City Hall a few of my colleagues were standing in the lobby (Nan Daniels, JVB, Ann Rogalski and others). They seemed to be at a loss as to what to do. I swept into the lobby and led them up to 301 and shortly thereafter Kay and Oliver Shifler arrived with the Christmas tree and the folding chairs (they have donated 12 to the CHS) and punch. Nan Daniels made about 8 plates of cookies for the event. Very good, particularly some very unusual pumpkin cookies. The punch was made by Kay Shifler, I think. Club soda, ginger ale and frozen strawberries, among other things. People began to arrive. There were seventeen of us in all, including Rosemary Heth and the two Heth children (Debby and Danny). They were under the very protective wing of their mother, who was all aflutter. I was glad to see her there. She set her children to making colored paper garlands for the tree: staple rings of colored paper together. Very effective and very pretty. Kay Shifler and Nan Daniels and Dorothy Essif and Ann Rogalski immediately began to string popcorn. Kitty Campbell got involved in the popcorn stringing as well. I got JVB and Tomaine and Jane involved. All three were somewhat at a loss as to what to do. They stood around and acted lost. I put pine cones into their hands and told them to tie strings around them and to tie them to the tree. They responded when I told them what to do. Ros-Al showed up at 7:30 to take a photograph and I asked him if he could come back in a half hour and he said that that would be OK and he came back at 8 or so and the group photograph was taken. I probably appeared in THE NEWS this week (I type this on 12-16-1982). Getting my colleagues into a group for a photograph was like trying to pick up 17 beads of mercury on a smooth surface. They rolled in all directions and only with careful prodding and pushing--from

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myself and from Ros-Al--were they finally grouped together for the photograph. We all enjoyed the cookies and punch and I then organized the grab bag/door prizes. The gift items were numbered one through eight and seventeen pieces of paper were numbered consecutively and placed in one of the light fixtures (globes) that were in 301 and I asked the Heth girl to go around and let everyone pick out a slip of paper. The other Heth child (the boy) then read out the numbers on the gifts and handed them to the winners: JVB got the small Chinese dish (which he later gave to his mother), Howard Yepson got the larger Chinese bowl, Joe Pascoe drew the bag of fortune cookies, Ann Rogalski drew the two bars of oriental soap (jasmine and rose), Debby Heth got the Chinese fan, Danny Heth got a tin of tea, Bob Tomaine got a tin of tea, Jane Dailey got a tin of tea. Everyone enjoyed the prizes. I organized a business meeting after the grab bag:

--I gave everyone a piece of the new CHS stationery and it met with popular approval. I designed it and produced it on the Kodak machine at SBI. Oliver Shifler reported that Walter O'Hara had agreed to serve on the Board of Trustees and so his name will have to be added to the list on the stationery.

--Howard Yepson gave a financial report

--I gave a report on the restoration of 301 and presented the bills that I had (total \$99.06) for supplies. I told my colleagues about the history of 301: it used to be Sam Jones' office when he was an alderman.

--I noted the corrections that had to be made to the report on memberships and donations in the NEWS article (Nancy Drum and Anne Marie Fortuner were erroneously listed as new members--they are recent contributors to the CHS, each having given \$10; the lowest membership category is \$15 and so neither is a new member but rather a recent contributor) of 12-01-1982 entitled "Historical Society plans party." Also Cy M. Grosvenor is a new member who is not listed in the article. In addition, the Carbondale Women's Club and Alys K. Morrison are not two new members. Rather, Alys K. Morrison is the Treasurer of the Carbondale Women's Club.

--I gave a report on CCH and the National Register. Still no word from Washington. CCH was listed on the PA Inventory of Historic Places on 01-28-1982; the M&M bank was listed on the PA Inventory of Historic Places on 09-18-1975. Nan Daniels asked what protection a National Register listing provides and I answered the question (the owner can do with a National Register property what he pleases unless Federal money has been used in the restoration and unless the owner has claimed a tax credit for the restoration of the property). I read from the article "Super List" from the July-August 1982 issue of HISTORIC PRESERVATION.